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On 7th January 1948 the Government directed that of the war reserved vacancies for which war service candidates had not been selected so far, a maximum of 10 per cent should be allotted to I.N.A. men who had already applied for such vacancies. It was also directed that in the case of posts in the Special Police Units not more than 5 per cent should be so allotted.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that the following messages have been received by the Hon. President from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' I. In accordance with rule 108 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Weights and Measures Bill, 1947 (L.C. Bill No. 2 of 1948) as agreed to by the Assembly without any amendment and signed by me.'

II. I have to announce to the House that the following messages have been received by the Hon. President from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly :—

**(1) On 3rd September 1948.** **The Land Acquisition (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1948),**

**(2) On 25th October 1948.** **The Madras Public Libraries Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1948),**

**(3) On 27th October 1948.** **The Madras Estates (Repeal of the Permanent Settlement and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1947),**

**(4) On 29th October 1948.** **The Madras Agriculturists' Relief (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1948),**

**The Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 28 of 1948),**

**The Madras Prohibition (Second Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1948)**

and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council.

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" III. I have also to announce to the House the following message received by the Hon. President from the Hon. the Speaker, dated the 21st August 1948 :—

' In accordance with rule 111 (2) of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the motion passed to-day by the Madras Legislative Assembly, desiring to obtain the concurrence of the Council in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses to consider the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1948.

' That, under rule 111 (2) of the Madras Assembly Rules, the concurrence of the Legislative Council be obtained in setting up a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses consisting of 21 members to consider the Bill, 14 members from the Assembly and 7 members from the Council.' "

### III.—MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated 11th August 1948 and 29th January 1948, received by the Hon. President from His Excellency the Governor :—

' *In pursuance of section 82, sub-section (1) of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Archibald Edward Nye, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Public Libraries Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1948) as amended increasing the rate of library cess.*

' *In pursuance of section 82, sub-sections (1) and (3) of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Archibald Edward Nye, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Public Libraries Bill, 1947.*' "

### IV.—MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. Deputy President, I take it, Sir, that I have your consent to make the motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely :—

'*the economic distress to which toddy tappers have been subjected to in the City of Madras and other areas in the province on account of the recent extension of Prohibition to those areas and the failure of the Government to provide employment for the tappers who had been thrown out of employment.*' "

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely :—

' *the economic distress to which toddy tappers have been subjected to in the City of Madras and other areas in the*